# Mountain Weather Forecast

## North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 at 02:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for occasional rain Wednesday which makes way for a wintry spell later Thursday and early Friday, which passes eastwards from the weekend as the westerly returns.

**Headline for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023:** Low cloud, rain and drizzle. Storm force winds over summits.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
High Likelihood

**Gales**
High Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
High Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 80% | 80% | 80% | 70% | 60% | 40% |

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**Weather:** A dull damp day with severe gales, often storm force winds across the higher summits. Rain or drizzle, this persistent across western peaks such as Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder, but patchier further east. Little change after dark.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** Nil in west. 20% in east.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Very poor visibility. Persistent cloud above 400-500m in the west, 600-700m in the east. Cloud may rise to 700m in the west, 900-1000m in the east for a couple of hours around dusk.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 51/65 W | 50/66 W | 46/62 W | 51/67 W | 55/73 W | 53/71 W | 58/78 W |
| **900** | 48/57 W | 42/53 W | 39/49 W | 43/55 W | 45/58 W | 44/57 W | 46/62 W |
| **600** | 32/41 SW | 29/38 W | 26/35 W | 30/41 W | 30/42 W | 31/43 W | 32/46 W |
| **300** | 15/33 SW | 13/31 W | 13/30 W | 15/33 W | 14/31 SW | 15/34 SW | 16/37 W |
| **Glen** | 5/31 SW | 5/27 W | 7/29 W | 6/28 SW | 5/29 SW | 6/34 W | 6/37 W |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 3/-5 | 4/-5 | 4/-4 | 3/-5 | 2/-7 | 3/-6 | 3/-6 |
| **900** | 6/-1 | 6/0 | 6/0 | 6/-0 | 5/-2 | 6/-1 | 6/-1 |
| **600** | 8/2 | 8/3 | 8/4 | 8/3 | 8/3 | 8/3 | 8/3 |
| **300** | 9/6 | 10/7 | 10/8 | 10/7 | 10/7 | 10/7 | 10/7 |
| **Glen** | 10/8 | 11/9 | 12/10 | 11/10 | 11/9 | 10/8 | 11/9 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2500m | 2300m | 2000m | 2000m | 1800m | 1900m | 1900m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Conditions difficult at height with storm force summit winds coupled with persistent hill fog and rain.

**Forecast for Thursday 23 Nov 2023**
**Weather:** Ragged band of cloud and rain turning to snow across highest peaks, before clearing to a mix of scattered showers and brighter spells by dawn. Showers building through the day, always focused across northern ranges, with snow level 900m early morning lowering 600m from afternoon, then reaching the lowest levels late evening.

**Maximum wind:** West to northwest initially mean 50mph gust 70mph, slowly easing through the day.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** By day 70% in north 90% in south

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering 500m at times, mainly in the showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius during the afternoon
**At 800m:** Plus 2 Celsius lowering minus 3 Celsius
**Freezing level:** Above summits lowering 400m

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